



**Steeple Bumpstead
Congregational Church**

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Church Secretary: Christine Blyth – tel: 01440 762066

Worship for all ages, everybody welcome

Sunday 25th December 2022

5th Sunday in Advent

Christmas Day Family Celebration

starting at 10.00 am

***Led by Wayne Taylor; Christmas
Carols & thoughts about “the gift”***

and

Sunday 1st January 2023

New Year's Day

Morning Service starting 10.30 am

***Colin Preston will be bringing a
message to share with us.***

Other Reminders and Upcoming Events

**NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023 IN
THE LECTURE HALL, 7PM ONWARDS**

At the November Church Meeting it was decided that we would get together for an evening of Fellowship and New Year Celebration on Wednesday 4th January. This will be a 'Bring and Share' evening with buffet-style refreshments, and we would love to welcome you and any family members or friends who would like to join us.

Please let either Gill Kuyper or Chris Blyth know if you plan to come along and how many will be in your party. It would also be helpful if you would indicate any food or soft drinks you are able to bring to share. Finally, the Leadership Team would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas, and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

**TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING FOR UKRAINE / RUSSIAN
CONFLICT AND OTHER ISSUES; (There will be no prayer meeting
on the 27th December as it is a bank holiday). The next prayer
meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd January between 11.00 am
and 12 noon at SBCC in the Lecture Hall.**

**PILOTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN;
Now having a Christmas break but starts again
Thurs. 12th Jan., 2023**

**SUNDAY SERVICE REFRESHMENTS ROTA
Sun. 1st Jan., Barbara and Peter
Sun. 8th Jan., Sue and Mary**

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the leadership team (Annie, Sheila, Wayne, Colin and Chris) as they work together with the Church to seek God's mind for the way ahead in the future. Keep in mind God's Word to us, as a fellowship, to ***"Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43.18/19***

For members of our fellowship or people connected to us

Pray for the compassion, peace and the healing of God, for all those in our congregation, and wider community, suffering pain and illness or going through adverse times; including;

Andrew; For his new situation and for his own social and health needs.

David; Continue to pray for David and the regular dialysis treatment he needs.

Jill Vaughan; Pray for Jill's health and that the new course of treatment she has started to treat the cancer will be effective.

Mary; We thank God for the success of Mary's recent treatment and operation that has left her Cancer free.

Jane Stirling. Please continue to pray for Jane's health having come through successful preventative treatment for cancer and more recently some dental treatment.

Wendy; Colin & Margaret had recent contact with Wendy who has been advised that she has a legion on her liver. Please pray she will have effective treatment for this.

Sue Preston; suffers from Sjogrens (body dries out) please pray for Sue that the Lord would intervene and bring healing to her body.

Fred Dare, who in past years has been a very active member of SBCC, is currently in care in "Cedars", Halstead, suffering from Dementia. Please continue to pray for him and for wife Sue and family who are doing what they can to support him.

Overseas ministries supported by the Church

Pastor John; Continue to pray for the effective pastoral and service in the communities in Southern India where he ministers in challenging circumstances which include persecution, illness, and poverty. Also pray for recognition of BMT ministries by the Indian government / authorities.

House of Joshua; Pray for children and adults, of the H of Joshua community in the Philippines, to be sustained by faith and encouragement from ourselves and others in the Body of Christ.

National and International issues

Continue to pray for current national and international matters, including King Charles, the Royal family; Prime Minister Rishi Sunak; the economic situation and its effect on people; the serious situation that exists in Europe and the world following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Pray that God will over-rule in the conflict to minimise bloodshed, and for effective ongoing support of the Ukrainian people and refugees. Thanks to God for answered prayers. Pray also for the people of Pakistan in need of relief from the floods and its devastation. Sadly there is no shortage of distressing situations and those who need our prayers.

To include items on our prayer page, or to advise of other needs, please get in touch with one of our leaders

Leadership Team:

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Tuesdays and Thursdays; Open Church; 10am - 12pm*

Time and space for prayer, quiet time, or to meet with others.

**The Church will usually be open at these times. On Thursday mornings you can enjoy hearing our band and singers practising.*

Web Site and Utube Channel

Search for “Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church” on YouTube, or follow the link to our website:

www.steeplebumpsteadcc.org

Our music group has recorded a range of hymns and worship songs for your enjoyment and blessing..

If you would like to support the church by giving, you can make a contribution to the offering in person on Sunday mornings (*you will find an offering box at the front of the church*) or on-line, by asking our secretary, Chris Blyth for the necessary information.